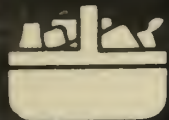


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THREAD COUNT AND WEIGHT

	<u>Warp</u>	<u>Filling</u>	<u>Wt. per sq. yd.</u>
1. Lightweight muslins:	below 60	: below 60:	4 oz.
*2. Medium " "	: 70-75	: 60-65 :	4-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
*3. Heavy " "	: 75-80	: 65-70 :	over 4 oz.
4. Fine counts	: over 80	: over 80:	3.7-4 oz.
5. Percales	: over 100	: over 100:	3.7 oz.

* Best for longwear and everyday use.

TENSILE STRENGTH - other factors being equal, sheets with highest tensile strength are strongest. Filling should be higher than warp.

FINISH - starch or sizing to give smooth finish: generally the less the percentage of starch the better the sheet.
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HEMS - should be even, sewed with strong thread in short even stitches. Hemstitched hems not as strong as machine stitched. Selvage edges with extra threads increase wear. SIZE - oversize wear longer than undersize. To get right size: measure length and thickness of mattress; add 12 to 20 inches for tucking in; add 5 to 7 inches for hems; add 5 to 8 inches for shrinkage. Result is minimum size to buy. RECOMMENDED SIZES - length: 99-108 inches. Width: single or twin - 63 inches; twin or three-quarter - 72 inches; double - 81-90 inches.

A GOOD SHEET is firm in weave, is practically free from sizing, is torn, not cut from the bolt, is hemmed with strong thread in short even stitches.

(Information from "Guides for Buying Sheets, Blankets, and Bath Towels," Bureau of Home Economics, U.S.D.A.)

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